

**Village of Val Marie**  
**Minutes - Regular Meeting of Council**  
**Held in the Municipal Office Boardroom, 112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan**  
**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

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Present: Mayor Roland Facette  
Councillor Ron Denniel  
Councillor Mette Ducan  
Councillor John Reynolds

Absent: Councillor Adam Ducan

Staff Attendance: Cathy Legault, Administrator  
Logan Resch, Assistant Administrator

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A quorum being present, Mayor Facette called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

*Councillor Ron Denniel was not present at the call to order.*

2025-089	MINUTES	M.DUCAN: That the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as read. DENNIEL: Absent A. DUCAN: Absent M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.  <i>Councillor Ron Denniel joined the meeting, time 7:13 p.m.</i>
2025-090	ADMIN REPORT	DENNIEL: That the Administrator's report be accepted as read. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: Absent M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-091	PAYMENTS	REYNOLDS: That the following payments be approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inn. CU - Cheques 4419-4423 totaling \$5,288.66</li><li>• Inn. CU – CAFT Payment # 2025-0018 to 2025-0023 totaling \$41,217.61</li><li>• Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment #2025-0052 to 2025-0068 totaling \$15,013.08</li><li>• Inn. CU – Automatic Withdrawal Payment #2025-0005 totaling \$123.01</li><li>• Collabria Credit Card Payment #2025-0012 to 2025-0022 totaling \$6,179.56<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Total Payments - \$67,821.92</li></ul></li></ul> DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: Absent M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-092	FIN STMTS	M.DUCAN: That the April 2025 Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, Sewer Utility Summary, Campground Summary, Innovation Bank Reconciliations, and Tax Enforcement Summary be accepted as presented. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: Absent M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-093	COMMITTEE REPORTS	DENNIEL: That the committee reports and minutes be accepted as presented. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: Absent M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.

- 2025-094      SEWER REYNOLDS: That the sewer charges be abated for Lot 17 Blk 1 BK4552 (212 Centre Street, Val Marie, SK) from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2030 while the buildings restoration is taking place per the offer acceptance from Donald Ulrich Brown. Billing will restart if: the property changes owners; or the property becomes occupied and begins using the sewer system. Regardless of use, billing will begin on May 1, 2030 and the property owner needs to inform the Village if the sewer system is being used prior to that date.  
DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: Absent  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
  
- 2025-095      TAX AND M.DUCAN: That the tax and sewer charges for Lot 17 Blk 1 BK4552 (212 Centre Street, Val Marie, SK) be abated from January 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025 due to the property being acquired by tax enforcement in this fiscal year.  
DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: Absent  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
  
- 2025-096      BYLAW M.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2025-07 "A Bylaw to Provide for Entering Into a Tax Exemption Agreement for the Purposes of Economic Development" be introduced and read for the first time.  
2025-07 DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: Absent  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
  
- 2025-097      BYLAW DENNIEL: That Bylaw 2025-07 "A Bylaw to Provide for Entering Into a Tax Exemption Agreement for the Purposes of Economic Development" be read for the second time.  
2025-07 DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: Absent  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
  
- 2025-098      BYLAW REYNOLDS: That Bylaw 2025-07 "A Bylaw to Provide for Entering Into a Tax Exemption Agreement for the Purposes of Economic Development" be given three reading at this one meeting.  
2025-07 DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: Absent  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
  
- 2025-099      BYLAW FACETTE: That Bylaw 2025-07 "A Bylaw to Provide for Entering Into a Tax Exemption Agreement for the Purposes of Economic Development" be read for the third time and adopted.  
2025-07 DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: Absent  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.

2025-100	EVENT FUNDING- VILLAGE SIGNS	<p>REYNOLDS: That the Celebrating Centuries Anniversary Committee apply for new “Welcome to Val Marie” signs under the community anniversaries funding but if the grant does not cover the full cost of the signs the Village will not contribute funds. If the grant covers the costs of the signs, the final design is to be approved by Council.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: Absent  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p> <p><i>Mayor Facette left the meeting room, time 8:52 p.m. Deputy Mayor John Reynolds assumed the position of meeting chair.</i></p>
2025-101	VILLAGE BRANDING	<p>M.DUCAN: That the Village use “Gateway to Grasslands” as the official branding of the Village as per the recommendations from the Tourism Development Committee and the Community Tourism Report. The brand update be implemented on an ongoing basis on Village documents and signage. That new materials and signs be purchased as needed, not just for brand implementation.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: Absent  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: Absent  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-102	PAYMENTS DURING POSTAL STRIKE	<p>DENNIEL: That the Administration have approval to pay any invoices and bills required by credit card, EFT, or online banking if Canada Post announces a strike because of their employees being in a strike position as of Friday, May 23, 2025. This exemption to the EFT and Cheque Signing Policy be permitted as long as the strike is in force and the regular payment policy is to be followed as soon as the strike ends.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: Absent  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: Absent  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p> <p><i>Mayor Facette rejoined the meeting, time 9:05 p.m. and assumed the position of meeting chair.</i></p>
2025-103	COMMUNICATIONS	<p>REYNOLDS: That the communications noted on the agenda be acknowledged as received, and filed as deemed appropriate.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: Absent  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-104	ADJOURN	<p>FACETTE: That this meeting adjourn, time 9:09 p.m.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: Absent  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>